GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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MEETING OF PAKISTAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
IQBAL AHMED SARADGI

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has not attended the meeting of the Pakistan National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce, which was held in November, 2001;

(b) if so, the main purpose of this conference;

(c) the reasons for not attending this conference;

(d) whether Pakistan has taken seriously the non-participation of the Indian Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (Shr Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a) to (c) : The Pakistan National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce had invited Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas to attend and address the ICCRegional Foreign Direct Investment Conference at Karachi on 11th and 12th November, 2001. The theme of Conference was ` An Emerging Cross road for Trade and Investment`.Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas was to address the session on Energy, on the subject of `Eastbound Gas Pipelines - the First Step : Onto India`.However, Ministry of External Affairs advised that the Conference has been postponed by the organisers.

(d) & (e) : Do not arise.